

# WHAT TO WEAR?

Is the one question of absorbing interest in the minds of women these Autumn days--and how satisfactorily

## THE MINOR STORE

Answers it! Whatever is right in the eyes of exacting fashion is here. Whatever is true to the styles most in vogue, and greatest in favor with the Ultra-Fashionable World is here--and in marvelous variety--affording a range of Price and Choice broad enough to meet the desire of every Purse and taste. We deem these Stocks as near perfect as it is possible to make them. From every Fountain Head we have gathered the Choicest Materials and brought them to our Spacious and Well-Lighted Departments, that you may have advantages of selecting not inferior to those presented by the Great Eastern Houses. Nor do the benefits end here--there is a decided Price advantage, for our plan is not to mark an article as high as it could probably be sold for, but as Low as We Can Possibly Afford to Sell It.

Miss Mattie Dupont is in Charge of our Dress Making Department.

## THE NEWEST IN DRESS GOODS, The Latest Weaves in Latest Colors

Much could be said regarding these new Weaves and Colorings, but you know that they are here, and we invite you to come and see them. It is impossible to describe the many beautiful Fabrics in the limited space of a newspaper announcement. The new Leather Browns, Onion Skin, Burnt Orange, Mandarin, Parsifal Blue and Emerald Greens are attracting a great deal of attention, and we are showing these favorite shades in Many Beautiful Cloths. The following Attractive Lines with their Attractive Prices should interest you. Many are special:

Drap Loraine's in Suit Cuts only.....	\$8.00 to 10.00
Creme DeLuser's from.....	\$10.00 to 18.00
Nub Cheviots from.....	\$6.50 to 15.00
Imported Novelty Suit Patterns Exclusive Designs.....	10.00 to 20.00
Scotch Mixtures from.....	48c to \$1.50 yd
Mohairs, in all Qualities and Colors.	
Melrose in Black and Colors.....	50c to 1.00
Prunellars all shades, worth 1.00, price.....	.90c
Manuish Suitings from.....	.48c to 79c
Broad Cloths at.....	75, 89, \$1.19, 1.50, 2.00
French Flannels at.....	.45c worth 50c
Cravins, Melton, Kerseys &c.....	

**Black Goods** Drap DeAlma, Melrose, Poplins Repps. Silk and Wool Crepes. Albatross, French Serges. Cheviot Serres Sponged and Shrunk. Bouclay Cheviots. Silk finished and Silk Warp Henrietta. Granites, Mohairs, Ladies' Cloth, etc.

**Silks** Chiffon Taffetas, Liberty Chiffon Taffetas, Peau De Soie, Crepe De Chines, Checks and Stripes for Shirt Waist Suits. Lining Taffetas, all colors, at 35c.

**New Lining** PRES DE SOLE--All Colors, 36 in, at 30c. Sold in Sumter by The Minor Store only.

## WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS

A showing of the Beautiful New Apparel which Fashion's most Critical followers will wear this season. We take much pride in presenting them, for seldom have garments expressed so much style, so much grace and so much material worth. The best thoughts of the World's Cleverest Designers are embodied in these garments. They constitute the most superb stock of Women's OuterAttire it has ever been our pleasure to present and your privilege to see. It may not be your intention to buy at present, nevertheless we want you to visit the Department and see just what is to comprise the wardrobe of the Faultlessly Dressed Woman this Fall. Our Popular-Price Methods are even more pronounced than formerly.

Over 300 hundred beautiful Suits for Ladies, every one up to the minute from..... \$5.00 to 25.00



### On Our Millinery Department

Day by day our stock of Fall Millinery is growing stronger and more fascinating and in a few days will be more beautiful and comprehensive than any ever shown in Sumter. Tailor Hats from Gage and other high-class makers, Dress Hats from Burby & Webb, 5th Ave, N. Y., Sullivan Drew, Jas. G. Johnson, etc., and many French Patterns will be

**OUR CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**--We remembered the little folks and have a department specially for them, stocked with all the newest and prettiest things. Cloaks from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Capes from 25c to \$10.00.

### The New Laces & Dress Trimmings

Are attracting lovers of the beautiful and exclusive prices appeal to those who would have the best at economical figures. We went into the nearest and most remote markets in exhaustive research for every worthy novelty--and our showing is a splendid testimonial of our success. As nowhere else you will see here Laces of Guipure, Venise, Alencon, Irish Crochet, Chantilly, Oriental, etc., black, white, Arabe and butter shades, in Bands, Galloons, Insertions, Edges and Allovers. Also Dress Trimmings and Garnitures in Jets, Spangles, Silver, Gold, Silk, Mohair, Persian and Applique in Bands, Edges and Galloons and all at popular prices.

**Every Department** In both Our Stores, 14 and 16 South Main Street are full to overflowing with the Choicest Things for Fall and Winter Wear.

**The Minor Store, A City in Itself.**

### Portia Shoes

Set the pace in these United States. The Minor Store sells them and guarantees every pair. A Word About Corsets.

The President of the Dress Makers' Protective Association frankly said at a recent meeting, "A woman may be dressed with the severest simplicity, with the slightest expense, and yet bestylishly gowned if she wears the correct corset." It is interesting to note that the corset used to demonstrate the new styles at this same meeting was the

### C. B. a la Spirite.

The highest type of the American Corset Makers' Art. The C. B. a la Spirite Corsets are made in a large range of styles, adapted to the varied requirements of different figures, and affording the opportunity for satisfying individual taste. The new straight front has won unqualified approval and fits to advantage both those of slender build and those inclined toward embonpoint. It adds rounded contour to the former, reduces the proportions of the latter, and with any figure gives the advantages of beauty and hygienic arrangement by lengthening the waist line in front and establishing a correct poise of body.

We sell C. B. a la Spirite Corsets, And Guarantee Them, Price \$1.00 & Up.



## Harmony of Boot and Gown

Each changing season finds an answering note in the Portia shoe. Dainty, beautiful, serviceable shoes for every purpose, every occasion and--every foot. Whatever the season's wear--whether the heavy, mannish boot of midwinter or the exquisite ties of midsummer--all alike have the rare perfection of fit, style and finish.

The Portia SHOE

We know we can fit you--fit you exactly. Why destroy the harmony of a handsome toilette with ill-fitting, ill-looking shoes--shoes, may be, that hurt your feet and are a year behind the times--When a pair of Portias--the new shoe for women who are particular--will complete the picture.

\$2.50

\$3.00

\$3.50

The Minor Store Sells Shoes For the Whole Family.

### REV. W. AIKEN KELLY

HAS WANDERED AWAY.

The Pastor of the North Augusta Methodist Church Disappeared a Week Ago And No Trace of Him Can Be Found.

Rev. Wm. Aiken Kelly, pastor of the North Augusta Methodist church, who mysteriously disappeared last Friday, and who is supposed to be laboring under a mental aberration, is still missing, and the gravest fears as to his safety are entertained by his friends in this city.

The disappearance of Mr. Kelly has been kept as quiet as possible, the daily papers being appealed to not to tell the story, in the hope that he could be found and restored to his family. The Augusta police were appealed to several days ago, and telegrams have been sent to all of Mr. Kelly's previous charges and to his friends throughout South Carolina, explaining his disappearance and asking for aid in locating him. Members of the North Augusta church have also been active in trying to locate their unfortunate pastor.

Despite these efforts not one word has been heard from the missing man and there is no clue as to his whereabouts. It is now feared that he may have met with death by accident, exposure, suicide or foul play. In the terrible uncertainty almost every conceivable hypothesis has been suggested to explain the silence surrounding the disappearance. His immediate family are prostrated with grief.

It is known that just prior to his disappearance that Mr. Kelly was mentally disturbed over the financial condition of the church. Recently a new house was built by the congregation. A debt still hangs over the church, owing to these improvements. The fact that it is due and there is little in the treasury with which to meet it seems to have preyed on Mr. Kelly's mind. He was wrapped up in the new church. It was through his untiring efforts that the edifice was built and night and day he has been working to clear it of debt. Several of his friends realized several days before his disappearance that he was burdened mentally over the situation and in a despondent mood but did not for a moment realize that it was serious.

From what could be learned Mr. Kelly has suffered from these mental aberrations on two other occasions in his life, disappearing mysteriously. But on these occasions he always reappeared within a few days. While the family was greatly concerned when he did not show up last Saturday the belief was general that he would return home before the close of Sunday. Failing to return or notify the family of his whereabouts from day to day apprehension is now general.

Dr. Clifton, of Orangeburg, S. C., the father of Mrs. Kelly, has arrived in the city. Mrs. Kelly is prostrated with grief. She will leave for her father's home either today or Friday. In the meantime every means of locating Mr. Kelly are being used. Any information as to his whereabouts or that would lead to his location would be greatly appreciated and can be wired to the family or the chief of police of Augusta.--August Chronicle, Sept. 22.

### The Lee County Debt.

The Bishopville New Era of the 20th instant says, in reference to Judge Parry's decision in the suit to compel Supervisor Durant to make immediate settlement of the debt due by Lee County to Sumter County:

"Supervisor Durant was seen this morning and said that no notice had been served on him. Said that the matter was in Mr. Hay's hands as attorney and that he supposed he would carry it to the Supreme Court."

### Lee County News Notes.

Mr. L. L. Fraser was in town last Monday. He says he is going to protest the election for magistrate in the St. Charles judicial district, on account of some irregularity in the voting at Heriot and Well's Roads.

The Graded School opened last Monday morning with an enrollment the first day of 186 pupils.

The Bishopville postoffice has been raised from a fourth class to a third class office and also made an international money order office.

Mrs. L. L. Baker, after a three weeks visit here, returned to Columbia last Saturday.

Misses Bertie Bradley, Annie Lee Shaw, Gracie Dell James, Alberta Woodward, Clara DeWitt and Pansy DuRant left Tuesday morning for Winthrop College.--The Vindicator.

### Special Presentation of Lee County Grand Jury.

To His Honor, C. G. Dantzler, Presiding Judge, September 1904, Lee County, S. C.:

The Grand Jury submits herewith the papers transferred from Sumter county in the case of the State against G. M. Barrett for malfeasance in office while magistrate at Bishopville formerly in the county of Sumter. Said papers being in the form of a special presentation by the grand jury, an order from the court together with the testimony taken under said order in the court of Magistrate, H. L. B. Wells.

We recommend that the Solicitor take the proper steps to bring this case to trial.

J. A. Rhame, Foreman.

### Graded School Notes.

The enrollment in the white schools has reached already 578.

There is a general complaint among graded schools of their inability to hold the boys until the course is completed. By way of contrast it is pleasant to notice that in our schools in a tenth grade of 18 pupils there are 12 boys.

### Emergency Medicines.

It is a great convenience to have at hand reliable remedies for use in case of accident and for slight injuries and ailments. A good liniment and one that is fast becoming a favorite if not a household necessity is Chamberlain's Pain Balm. By applying it promptly to a cut, bruise or burn it allays the pain and causes the injury to heal in about one-third the time usually required, and as it is an antiseptic it prevents any danger of blood poisoning. When Pain Balm is kept at hand a sprain may be treated before inflammation sets in, which insures a quick recovery. For sale by China's drug store.

### MORE ABOUT COTTON WILT.

Bureau of Plant Industry Writes Congressman Lever Concerning Disease in Sumter County.

Congressman A. F. Lever, who has interested himself in the effort to have a government expert sent to this county to investigate the cotton wilt disease that caused considerable damage in sections of Sumter county, sends the following letter which is self explanatory:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 10, 1904.

Hon. A. F. Lever, Lexington, S. C. Dear Sir: Referring again to your letter of August 8 in regard to the cotton wilt disease in Hagood, S. C., we have to inform you that our Mr. Orton, who has investigated this disease, was unable to visit Mr. Sanders on account of the pressure of other duties. Since much of Mr. Orton's time has been spent in South Carolina, he is acquainted with your local conditions and has written Mr. Sanders instructions for controlling the disease that will enable him to avoid much future loss, and it is really unnecessary for him to go to Hagood.

Our investigations of the cotton wilt have given us quite definite information in regard to the cause of the disease, which has been proved to be a soil fungus which persists in the land for many years. Although no direct remedy has been found, it has been shown that it is possible to breed varieties resistant to the disease and several such are in process of development. It is our intention to push this line of work as rapidly as possible, in order to relieve the farmers by the substitution of these improved varieties for those susceptible to the wilt which they are now cultivating. One of these strains will be distributed in small quantities next year. It is not entirely resistant, but it is so much superior to the ordinary as to be profitable on infected land.

Very truly yours,

A. F. Woods, Pathologist and Physiologist.

### FALL FESTIVAL IDEA POPULAR.

Many Sumter County People Want to Attend Another Game Cock Carnival.

Pisgah, Sept. 19.--We have a repetition of year before last in cotton as it is opening all at once. The fields are white and the laborers few and hard to get. The farmers are terribly worried because they can't get it out and on the market. Some of them look like they will soon be fit subjects for Dr. Babcock's institution. A distinguished physician of this country said that worry killed more people than one would believe and it is so, for from January to December it is a hurry fret and fume, with lots of people, and their guiding star, a dollar. It all of this bore grand results there might be some excuse, but I see nothing more than usual except premature old age, and a break down of the nervous system.

Mr. B. W. Morris who went from here to Florida, thence to Georgia, the first part of the year, has returned home. He did not find the money on trees in Florida, except in oranges. He says the crops in Georgia are not good. Says South Carolina is good enough to live in; something all sensible people know.

In a letter to the writer from Mr. John Alfred McLeod, who has recently returned to his home at Cypress, Fla., says it is scorching hot there. The trouble with our roving population is that any place but the one they live at is the best, and no hungry fish ever jumped at a baited hook more eagerly than they swallow every tale they hear of fabulous wealth. The fact is that lots of people don't want to work and want to beat their way through life in pleasure and frolic. Ben Franklin taught the haughty French Court a lesson along the line of true manhood, that they did not forget.

News is scarce here. The only noise I hear is the gun whistles.

We country folks would be delighted if Sumter would have a Carnival this fall. It would pay handsomely, and be such a splendid advertisement for the city. Those who attended the one in 1894, know what a fine one it was and Sumter today is not what she was then. Lots of goods would be sold, and people of all sections would see the fine and substantial improvements made in ten years. Pleasant acquaintances would be made, old friends would meet again and all would have a fine time. If under the adverse financial troubles, the country labored ten years ago, with cotton about 4 1/2 cents per pound, such a fine Carnival could be gotten up, surely the matter could be easily provided for now, for the financial condition of your city and the country at large, would scarcely admit of a comparison with what it was in 1894.

There is a case or two of fever through this section, which is said to be malaria, but what could give rise to malaria here no one knows, for the health of this community is always good. Our water is fine and the pure air of the hill country is proverbial. What branches we have are running ones, with no stagnant pools to generate fever. So it must wait in from other places. If any typhoid develops I will let it be known. Down in the Cato Mill section there were a few cases of fever last spring, but all have recovered.

The friends of John H. Earle are glad he is elected. If he is anything like his father he will make a good commissioner.

### THIS IS OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU.

Another Building and Loan Association is Being Gotten Up in Our City.

If you are quick you can get in for some of the stock.

Put your money where it can work for you. Figure out how many dollars you can spare each month and subscribe for as many shares as there are dollars. \$1.00 paid in for a term of 100 months will net you \$150.00.

If you want to own your home, borrow \$150.00 on each share and pay \$2.00 per month.

\$14.00 per month paid to the Association will enable you to own a home for which you would pay \$12.00 rent and always be homeless.

See Bartow Walsh or Davis D. Moise, and subscribe at once. Sept. 15--1w.